
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING A DIPLOMATIC AND COLLABORATIVE RESOLUTION BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND
TAIWAN REGARDING DISPUTED ISLANDS IN THE EAST CHINA SEA.

1 WHEREAS, geopolitical tensions in the East China Sea
2 between the United States, People's Republic of China, Japan,
3 and the Republic of China, also known as Taiwan, have heightened
4 over the territorial dispute of the Senkaku Islands, as known by
5 Japan; or the Diaoyu Islands, as known by the People's Republic
6 of China; or the Tiaoyutai Islands, as known by Taiwan; and
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8 WHEREAS, these islands are rich in natural resources such
9 as minerals, oil, gas, and fishing resources, making the control
10 and development of these lands desirable for each country; and
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12 WHEREAS, Republic of China President Ma Ying-jeou, proposed
13 the East China Sea Peace Initiative at the opening ceremony of
14 the sixtieth anniversary of the Treaty of Peace between the
15 Republic of China and Japan, requesting all parties to:
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- 17 (1) Refrain from any antagonistic actions;
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- 19 (2) Put aside conflicts and not abandon dialogue;
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- 21 (3) Observe international law and resolve disputes through
22 peaceful means;
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- 24 (4) Seek consensus on a code of conduct in the East China
25 Sea; and
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- 27 (5) Establish a mechanism for cooperative exploration and
28 development of the resources in the East China Sea;
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1 WHEREAS, the Legislature supports and encourages a peaceful
2 approach for a resolution regarding the disputed islands in the
3 East China Sea; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
7 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the United States,
8 the People's Republic of China, Japan, and Taiwan are encouraged
9 to take a long-term, diplomatic, collaborative, and peaceful
10 approach for a resolution regarding the dispute of the islands
11 in the East China Sea; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all four countries are
14 requested to examine possible long-term mutual economic benefits
15 rather than the short-term political gains of a contested
16 sovereignty approach; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
20 United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate,
21 the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the
22 President of the People's Republic of China, the Prime Minister
23 of Japan, and the President of the Republic of China.
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